

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final submitted 9/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,7-11,14,19-23,28-35 and 37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 14, 19-23, 28-35 and 37 are allowed
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Rechtenwald et al. (6,439,345) discloses the use of a method for obtaining a package where a user is notified electronically that a package has arrived and is ready for pick up, however fails to disclose the use of a two-dimensional barcode that is encoded with the users biometric information, and fails to disclose collecting the current biometric information for comparison purposes. Danielson et al. (US 2003/0081860) discloses the use of a handheld unit where signature information is retrieved from a database and is displayed for comparison purposes. However discloses the information is stored in a database and fails to disclose the use of a two-dimensional barcode, which is encoded with the user's biometric information. Berson (6,802,005) discloses the use of an employee card that contains a two-dimensional barcode, which is encoded with a user's biometric information and is collected to verify the employee is the correct person. However, Berson is being used in an employee identification system and fails to disclose being capable of any notification of an item has arrived at a location and used for pick up of the item. E-stamp (PRNewswire article) discloses the use of a postage stamp with information encoded within a two-dimensional barcode, however discloses them to be used on envelopes or packages, and not encoded with user's biometric information. Therefore a method which scans a two-dimensional barcode, which is encoded with a user's biometric information and was transmitted electronically to the receiver, decodes the barcode to retrieve the users biometric information, collects the receiver's current biometric information, compares the decoded information with the current

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information, and provides the package to the receiver if the biometric information is equivalent, is not anticipated nor rendered obvious over the prior art of record.

3. In regards to the apparatus: Rechtenwald discloses the use of an item pick-up system with a notification unit, however fails to disclose the use of a scanner, collector or comparator for use with the comparison of biometric information. Berson discloses the use of a scanner, collector and comparator, however fails to disclose the use of a notification unit which notifies a user that a package has arrived at a pre-determined location. Therefore, an apparatus, with a notification unit, which notifies a user that a package has arrived, a scanner which is operable to scan a two-dimensional barcode which is encoded with a user's previously provided biometric information, a collector and a comparator which determined that a package can be provided to a user, is not anticipated, nor rendered obvious over the prior art of record.

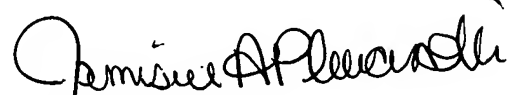
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamisue A. Plucinski whose telephone number is (571) 272-6811. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (5:30 - 4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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